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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK

In re application of: KATHERINE M; ALDRED

Application No.: 10/642,858 Art Unit: 1616

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### RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF 02/07/2007

This is in response to the Office action of February 7, 2007 giving Applicant(s) three months to respond, i.e. on or before May 7, 2007. The drawing(s) filed under 37 CFR 1.184 or 1.152 have been accepted by the examiner

Claims 1-10 have been rejected and claims 11-20 have allowed.

Please take the action indicated below:

Cancel claims 1-10 without prejudice.

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 1-10 have been rejected finally.

Claims 11-20 have been allowed since the prior art does not teach a method of treating iron deficiency comprising providing a drug reservoir layer containing a hematinic substance secured to the skin surface.

CONCLUSION

With the action that has been taken, it is believed that the case is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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